# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

JENNIFER OSSOLA, JOETTA	)	Case No. 1:13-cv-04836
CALLENTINE, and SCOTT DOLEMBA, on	)	
behalf of themselves and all others similarly	)	
situated,	)	
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY,	)	Hon. Judge John Z. Lee
AMERICA EXPRESS CENTURION BANK,	)	Hon. Mag. Judge Jeffrey Cole
and WEST ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC.,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

# SECOND JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND DATE FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL MOTION

Plaintiffs Jennifer Ossola and Joetta Callentine and the American Express defendants respectfully request that the Court extend the date within which they may file their motions for preliminary approval of class settlement, until June 30, 2016. Movants also request that the Court reset the existing presentment/status date to July 6, 2016.

In support of this motion, movants respectfully state:

- 1. This is a Telephone Consumer Protection Act case, which challenges two types of calls: (a) debt collection calls made by defendant West Asset Management, Inc., and (b) telemarketing calls made by former defendant Alorica, Inc.
- 2. All parties mediated these cases on April 14, 2016, with the Honorable Morton J. Denlow, which resulted in two class settlements in principle, one for the debt collection class and a second for the telemarketing class.

- 3. At the status conference on April 19, 2016, this Court set a deadline of May 31, 2016, for the filing of a motion for preliminary approval for both settlements. Docket Entry 344. This was subsequently reset, at the parties' request, to a filing deadline of June 23, 2016, to be noticed for presentment on June 29, 2016. Docket Entry 348.
- 4. The parties have since completed all confirmatory discovery, and continue to work diligently at completing the materials needed for the preliminary approval filing—including by resolving certain disputed matters at issue during a joint conference call with Judge Denlow held on June 22, 2016. Thus, while the parties had believed that the current deadline would afford sufficient time to reach agreement on any remaining items and prepare the materials necessary for the motion, they regret to inform the Court that they cannot do so in time for filing by June 23, 2016.
- 5. As it stands now, the parties are very close to completing and executing the formal settlement documents necessary to effectuate their agreement, and respectfully believe that a short, one-week extension to June 30, 2016, will be sufficient to have such materials finalized for filing. Movants also respectfully request that the existing June 29, 2016 presentment date be continued to July 6, 2016.
- 6. Movants file this motion in good faith, and not for purposes of delay or for any improper purpose.

WHEREFORE, Jennifer Ossola and Joetta Callentine and the American Express defendants respectfully request that the Court extend the date within which they may file their motions for preliminary approval of class settlement, until June 30, 2016, and continue the existing status/presentment date to July 6, 2016.

## Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 23, 2016 By: /s/ Daniel J. Marovitch

# BURKE LAW OFFICES, LLC

Alexander H. Burke

Email: ABurke@BurkeLawLLC.com

Daniel J. Marovitch

Email: DMarovitch@BurkeLawLLC.com 155 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 9020

Chicago, IL 60601

Telephone: (312) 729-5288 Facsimile: (312) 729-5289

#### SMITHMARCO P.C.,

Larry P. Smith

Email: lsmith@smithmarco.com

David M. Marco

Email: dmarco@smithmarco.com

205 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 2940

Chicago, IL 60601

Telephone: (312) 222-9028 Facsimile: (888) 418-1277

#### LIEFF CABRASER HEIMANN & BERNSTEIN, LLP

Jonathan D. Selbin (admitted *pro hac vice*)

Email: jselbin@lchb.com

Douglas I. Cuthbertson (admitted pro hac vice)

Email: dcuthbertson@lchb.com 250 Hudson Street, 8th Floor

New York, NY 10013

Telephone: (212) 355-9500 Facsimile: (212) 355-9592

#### LIEFF CABRASER HEIMANN & BERNSTEIN, LLP

Daniel M. Hutchinson (admitted pro hac vice)

Email: dhutchinson@lchb.com 275 Battery Street, 29th Floor San Francisco, CA 94111-3339 Telephone: (415) 956-1000

Facsimile: (415) 956-1008

MEYER WILSON CO., LPA

Matthew R. Wilson (Ohio State Bar No. 0072925;

admitted to the N.D. Ill. general bar) Email: mwilson@meyerwilson.com

1320 Dublin Road, Ste. 100

Columbus, OH 43215

Telephone: (614) 224-6000 Facsimile: (614) 224-6066

## KEOGH LAW, LTD.

Keith Keogh

Email: keith@keoghlaw.com

**Timothy Sostrin** 

Email: Tsostrin@Keoghlaw.com

Katherine Bowen

Email: KBowen@Keoghlaw.com

55 W. Monroe, Ste. 3390

Chicago, Il. 60603

Telephone: 312-265-3258 Facsimile: 312-726-1093

Attorneys for Plaintiffs Ossola and Callentine, and the

Proposed Settlement Classes

## By: /s/ Stephen J. Newman

Daniel K. Ryan (Atty. No.: 6196616)

E-mail: dryan@hinshawlaw.com

Richard B. Polony (Atty. No.: 6227043)

E-mail: rpolony@hinshawlaw.com HINSHAW & CULBERTSON, LLP 222 North LaSalle Street, Suite 300

Chicago, Illinois 60601 Telephone: (312) 704-3248 Facsimile: (312) 704-3001 Stephen J. Newman
Marcos D. Sasso (admitted *pro hac vice*)
Julia B. Strickland
Arjun P. Rao (admitted *pro hac vice*)
STROOCK & STROOCK & LAVAN LLP
2029 Century Park East
Los Angeles, CA 90067-3086
Telephone: (310) 556-5800

Facsimile: (310) 556-5959 E-mail: lacalendar@stroock.com

Attorneys for Defendants American Express Company and American Express Centurion Bank

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that, on June 23, 2016, I caused the foregoing to be electronically filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

/s/ Daniel J. Marovitch